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Re: Response to EPA October 07, 2011 Letter (Lower Willamette River, Portland Harbor Superfund Site, USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240)

Chip and Kristine:

In response to EPA's letter to the LWG dated October 07, 2011, the LWG acknowledges the extension of the Feasibility Study (FS) submittal date to March 30, 2012 and intends to comply with the conditions regarding earlier dates for production of certain work product associated with the extension.

The LWG appreciates EPA's recognition that this early work product will be draft and preliminary and may change. Although the LWG accepts the conditions, as the LWG has emphasized previously, it is important that EPA not reach conclusions based upon this early work product in isolation but rather that EPA base its review and evaluation of the FS in the context of the draft as a whole, consistent with FS guidance.

Thank you,

Bob Wyatt

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